

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

March 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 am by Vice Chairman Lee Buckingham at Auburn City Hall, Room 10. Present were: Lee Buckingham, Joyce Silva, Mike Holmes, Rob Turner, April Maynard, Aloha Baumgarten, Nancy Hakala, and Judi Lardner. Also present were Archie Warren and Tim Grayson.

Some members arrived late, so a quorum wasn't established until 8:25 am. The February 14th and 23rd Minutes and Notes were accepted as written (at the end of the meeting).

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Auburn Arts in the Park: Joyce gave a progress report. There was some talk about publicity, especially via email and the AAC Facebook page.

Public Art Loan Program update: There was no new information to report.

Streetscape project: Mike said that Streetscape has pretty much wrapped up.

Guide to Public Art Brochure: Mike asked that the inventory of public art be brought up to date. He also brought up the sculpture of the immigrant worker in City Hall, which the family of the sculptor has asked to be returned to them. There has been no final decision regarding this request. April said that she was unable to locate any documentation supporting City ownership of the sculpture and that it has been in City Hall since 1991.

UAIC Art for Central Square: Mike said that since the UAIC-commissioned statue has been installed in Central Square, this item could be removed from future agendas.

Airport monument: Mike reported that the question of fund-raising is now being addressed. The vehicle for collecting the money has yet to be determined. Funneling the money through the AAC is one possibility. Mike will ask Doug Van Howd for his input on the issue.

9/11 Memorial: The City is still waiting for J. Randall Smith to submit the invoice for the plexiglass portion of the memorial.

Review AAC guidelines: Mike reminded the AAC that we need to prepare a budget request to submit to the City Council. A discussion followed regarding what should be included in the budget (art walk music, etc.).

Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge Gallery Show and Contest: Mike said that the Placer County Historical Society is providing beer and wine for the reception in the Rose Room on March 23rd. He said the evening would start with the reception in the Rose Room, then move upstairs to the gallery to view the art, and then to the Council Chambers for a PowerPoint presentation on the bridge and to award prizes for the art show. There will also be a PowerPoint presentation and fund-raising event at the State Theater on the 24th. Aloha reported that the show would be juried and the selected art hung on the afternoon of the 17th. Judi asked about the times

of the Rose Room reception and other events on the 23rd. Mike said he would confirm the times with Mike Lynch.

Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center: Joyce said that the theater company decided to stage *Chicago* in the spring. Mike announced that an \$8,000 grant was awarded to the Center recently and that more grant money was being sought (e.g., from the NEA). He said that the building is self-sustaining regarding electric bills and the like, owing to the rent collected from the other tenants in the building. When the theater “goes dark” later this year, there will be adequate income to cover the costs of running the building.

Mural projects: Mike brought up the recent letter to the editor criticizing the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge mural. There was a brief discussion about the mural.

Auburn Arts in the Park (con’t): April said that she has been talking to musicians and has plenty of leads. A general discussion ensued regarding publicity for the event. Nancy and Joyce said they would meet after the meeting to finalize a poster design. Nancy reported that Virgil Traynor and the Auburn Community Cancer Endowment Fund are interested in providing the food (chicken and ribs) for the festival. They could also handle alcohol sales. Archie said that he had talked to someone starting up a local bakery who was interested in selling baked goods at the festival. Nancy said there are other service groups interested in selling finger food. Tim said that he has been researching the cost of advertising banners. He said that most likely the cost to install the banners would exceed the cost of the banners themselves. There was a discussion about where the banners should hang. Tim and Nancy agreed to put a proposal together for the banners (design, location, timing, and costs) before our next meeting. The discussion then turned to the sale of alcohol and whether Virgil Traynor’s group should handle it or whether a winery or another group should sell it. It was the general consensus to have Virgil’s group handle both food and alcohol sales. Lee reported that he has four estimates for portable restrooms and that the cost should run about \$200. It was decided to hold a special meeting to discuss festival planning on Sunday, March 18th at 12:30 pm in the Rose Room.

Mural projects (con’t): Archie talked about the mural and said he is happy with it. Lee asked if AAC members had seen the mural recently and asked for comments. Judi said that she thought the mural didn’t look like what was originally proposed. She thought the composition and colors worked well, but that more detail work was needed in places (especially the rocks). Joyce commented that the trees could also use more detail. Lee agreed that more detail work was desirable. Nancy said she would like to have a discussion about establishing guidelines for future mural projects. There was a general consensus that the mural is a “work in progress” and it was hoped that it might be completed before March 23rd.

The next regular meeting will be on April 10, 2012 at 8:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 am
Respectfully Submitted,
Judi Lardner, Secretary